What are dental implants?
A long-term solution to replace missing teeth.

**Benefits of dental implants**

- Fewer diet restrictions.
- Bone preservation because implants are imbedded into the jaw, reducing bone loss.
- Do not affect neighboring teeth.
- Look and feel like natural teeth.
- No day-to-day frustrations or discomfort from ill-fitting dentures.
- Dental implants are a long-term solution.

**Adults ages 35 to 44 will lose at least one permanent tooth to an accident, gum disease, a failed root canal or tooth decay.**

**Adults will lose all their permanent teeth by age 74.**

**Dental implant surgery is best performed by surgeons with specialized education and training.**

**Implants require a Dental Team**

- **Patient**
  Follows all pre- and post-surgical instructions.

- **Referring/restorative dentist**
  Recommends a trained oral and maxillofacial surgeon and after implant placement creates and connects the abutment to the implant. Also manages follow-up dental care.

- **Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon (OMS)**
  Evaluates whether the patient is a good candidate for the procedure and places the implant.